

House Bill 964 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Day of the 163<sup>rd</sup>, Keen of the 179<sup>th</sup>, Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup>, and Carter of the 159<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 52-7-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to boating safety zones, so as to modify certain provisions relating to boating safety zones; to provide for boating safety zones for the protection of United States naval vessels; to designate certain boating safety zones in Georgia ports; to provide for an exception; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 52-7-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to boating safety zones, is amended by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(3) The following are established as boating safety zones for the purpose of ensuring maritime and homeland security:

(A) All those waters within the Elba Island liquified natural gas mooring slip; provided, however, that liquefied natural gas tank ships and authorized vessels actively engaged in the escort, maneuvering, or support of such ships shall be permitted in such zone;

(B) The area within 100 yards of any United States navy vessel; and

(C) The area within 100 yards of any vessel escorted to, from, or within any port of this state by a law enforcement vessel displaying applicable law enforcement agency markings, whether such escorted vessel is in motion or anchored or moored."

**SECTION 2.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.